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WASHINGTON STATE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well summer is past, and I trust that you had a good summer, and now that vacation time is over it's back to regular schedule again.

I will see if I can bring you up to date, our state and National Convention are over and we had a very nice convention in Yakima with the weather remaining balmy throughout the convention.

The new officers were installed as follows:

President - - - - Art Mann
Vice President - - Russell Soper
Sec. Treasurer - - Don Mumford

I hope we may be able to serve our office's well with the help of the membership.

We sent Jean Williams as our delegate to the National Convention with voting power and an invitation for 1962 convention in Seattle.

Jean reported to me when she arrived home and as usual she did a good job although she tells me that we lost out on having the National Convention here in Tacoma through no fault of hers, that although being reassured by Jean that the prices would not be prohibitive, they still voted against Tacoma, Washington thinking that during the World Fair the cost would be too high.

It looked for a while like it would be held in Portland, Oregon, but another vote was taken because of some technicality and Boston, Mass. will be the next convention place.

I guess Boston put on quite a show campaigning with buttons and what have you. To be honest about it I think we are relieved about it.

Our national President was here in Seattle on his way back from National Convention, after having stopped in Spokane where he secured three or four new members. We held a hurriedly called meeting and were pleased with the results.

We will have the next chapter meeting in Port Townsend at John Murray's place on Sept. 17th at about 2:00 p.m. and while there you will hear the tape recording of the meeting George Gammon held in Seattle.

I am meeting with the Washington Massage Operators next month and I will have A.M.T.A. applications with me for those who wish to join our organization. We also have hopes of some of the Athletic Club Massage Therapists joining us.

State President



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Dear Ruth and Members of A.M.T.A.

I received your card with expressions of thoughtfulness of me on Friday before I left on my vacation is why I have not acknowledged it sooner. While I am in fairly good health I am still under a Doctors CARE. I have trouble with my right leg being weak. Not being able to put my weight on it alone. I do some massage work using Nerve Reflect, about three or four patients a week. I do, or rather I did, for a long time, miss coming to the meetings, but it is too hard for me to get on and off of the bus. I have had two quite hard falls and several stumbles, so you can see why I am not on the ball as I had ought to be.

Now thanks again for that lovely card, I shall remember the Association in my prayers.

Sincerely
Bertha M. Reager

Seattle local chapter of Washin ton Massage Therapists held their July meeting on Sunday the ninth, at the home of local president Edwin Miller on Queen Ann Avenue, Seattle.

The members gathered at 2:30 p.m. when swimming was enjoyed by the majority of the group, in the Miller pool. A short business meeting was held immediately after the swim, followed by a bountiful lunch served buffet style on the patio.

The committee on possible reservations for National Convention, in combination with Century 21, reported that a Tacoma Hotel had extended an invitation to make our head quarters there, that accomodations will be available for at least five hundred.

Other business was of local importance only.

Have you members tried Charles Brooks receipe for carrot cake? Wonderful, healthful and sustaining, a real mans cake.

Concalt is an odd disease, it makes everybody ill except the person who has it.

If success enlarged the heart as much as it does the head, what a wonderful world this would be.

Housework is something you do that nobody notices unless you don't do it.

Some people are easily entertained, all you have to do is sit down and listen to them.

The tardiness of this issue of the Massage News, is due to a three weeks vacation, enjoyed in Central Montana, Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, returned Sept. 1, busy getting reorganized. Blossom Guntley took care of the more needy of my clientele in our absence.

REPORT ON NATIONAL CONVENTION - BY OUR DELEGATE
REGINA WILLIAMS, R.M.T.

Convention opened at Town House, Omaha, Nebraska, August 3, 1961.

Impressive memorial for the departed members of the past year, Lewis Hanson, of Montana, Mr. Gobel of Indiana, Ray Guely of Pennsylvania, Wm. Swartz of Washington, were all the names I could get.

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Regina Williams has given this paper a very fine detailed report of the entire convention proceedings, I am sorry that it is so long, I must just give you a few of the high lights.

Boston, Mass. won the toss for the 1962 Convention to be held in Boston next August.

The beauty contest was won by a lady 80 years young, there were six contestants.

Seattle local chapter will hold September meeting at the John A. Murray home in Port Townsend, Washington, Sunday, Sept. 17, from 1:00 p.m. throughout the afternoon. Weather permitting lunch will be buffet style on the patio, if not, we will seek shelter indoors. Come all. Visit historic old Port Townsend, you members from across the Puget Sound will have a chance to try out the new Hood Canal Floating Bridge.

We feel it would be best to make this lunch a sort of pot luck affair, on account of not knowing how many will attend to prepare for. Contact E. L. Miller for more information.

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